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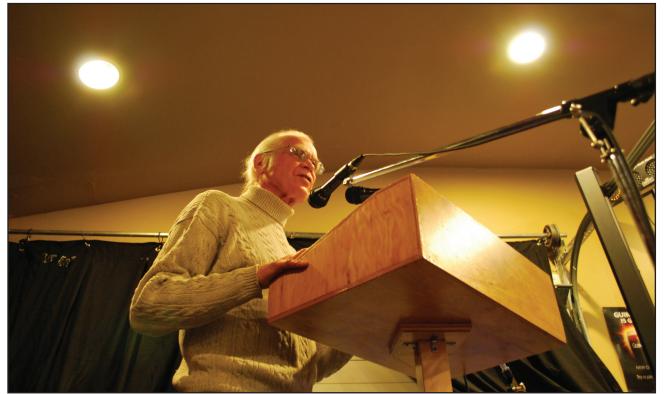
Who did it?

Algonquin Highlands cottager publishes crime novel



Green thumbs

Local horticultural society hosts provincial meeting



Poets in the pub

John Unrau takes the microphone as an unruly mob of Live Poets - not to be confused with the dead variety - invaded the Dominion Hotel on April 18. See more photos on page 22.

Chad Ingram Staff

Dorset seeking medical clinic

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Steps are being taken towards establishing a medical clinic in Dorset.

Algonquin Highlands councillors heard a presentation from members of a volunteer team from the hamlet during their April 19 council

'The need for folks is to be able to get some medical service within 15 or 20 minutes," said

group leader Herb Hickling, adding that Dorset residents have to drive between 30 and 40 minutes for medical care in communities such as Huntsville and Minden.

A health needs report by the District of Muskoka was completed in January using the results of a survey completed by some 1,400 resi-

"The health study included a lot of people in Haliburton [County]," Hickling said.

Dorset sits partially in Algonquin Highlands and partly in Lake of Bays township in the District of Muskoka.

The team is trying to leverage the way Dorset is "uniquely situated" to access provincial fund-

Unsurprisingly, the survey showed there is a shortage of doctors and other medical professionals in the area.

It also showed that the area most in need of medical services in Lake of Bays is Dorset; that walk-in clinics are so busy it's difficult to get an appointment; that a perception that Muskoka has a low level of medical services may prevent

see VOLUNTEERS page 17





OPP lay 5,000 charges

The Ontario Provincial Police have ended their weeklong spring seat belt campaign and the preliminary numbers are in. From April 14 to 22 officers checked vehicles throughout the province and laid a total of 5,585 seat belt related charges.

The OPP were pleased to see no seat belt related fatalities during the campaign but there were a reported eight people injured in collisions in which seat belt non-compliance was a factor.

"Despite the fact that seat belt legislation has been around for over 35 years and has saved countless lives, one in four deceased occupants last year were not properly restrained," said OPP provincial commander for traffic safety, Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey. "Not just this week, but every week, motorists can expect a zero tolerance approach to seat belt violations. Buckle up - it takes just a few seconds and one click of your seat belt to significantly reduce your chances of serious injury or death in a crash," added Beechey.

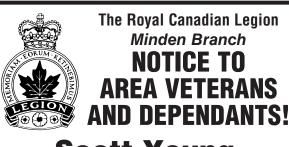
In 2011, 71 Ontarians lost their lives in collisions in which seat belt non-compliance was a factor.

Non-use of seat belts remains one of the four major causes of death in motor vehicle collisions along with speeding, impaired driving and driving while distracted.

The motoring public should remain aware that, as part of its provincial traffic safety program, the OPP will continue to aggressively enforce all traffic safety laws throughout the year, including seat belt legislation.

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Halistoria characters Terra, played by animator Julie Barban, left, and Toad, played by Christine Atrill, perform on April 18 at the Heritage Ballet studio. The workshop was the fifth in a series where the characters Terra and Toad were created. The project was funded through the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Halistoria project looks to future



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Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

On April 18, Terra and Toad came to life at the Heritage Ballet studio, in an interpretive performance featuring music and movement.

The characters are part of Halistoria, a project that was made possible through a Haliburton County Development Corporation grant.

The workshop was the fifth installment of the ongoing development of Halistoria.

Following the performance by animators Julie Barban and Christine Atrill, founders and facilitators of the pilot project discussed its future and where to take the charac-

Narrated by Daniela Pagliaro, Halistoria is an evolving Haliburton County narrative created around Terra and

Coordinators hope to see it performed this summer in an outdoor setting.

The collaborative project's future is subject to finding additional funding.

"I'm proud of what we've done," said coordinator Michael Fay.

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Cottager crafts crime in Highlands

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

For many, the Haliburton Highlands are the ideal place to hike, paddle and unwind.

For Rosemary McCracken, they're also the perfect setting in which to craft crime fiction.

McCracken, an Algonquin Highlands cottager, recently published her first novel, *Safe Harbor*.

The mystery centres around Pat Tierney, a Toronto-based financial advisor who discovers her late husband not only had an affair, but also fathered a child with his mistress.

When the boy's mother is murdered, he ends up in Tierney's care and she begins to put together the pieces of a bizarre and disturbing puzzle (yes, it involves the trafficking of human body parts) that threatens to rip apart her comfortable existence.

Intriguing or what?

McCracken's romance with the crime genre has been going on for some time now.

A veteran journalist, she began writing fiction in the form of short stories about 15 years ago.

"A lot of them were growing-up experiences," she says, adding that these actual anecdotes were then fictionalized to taste.

While any novel has a plot, with crime fiction certain points are often more clearly articulated and it was that formulaic aspect that first drew McCracken to the crime genre.

"As a beginner, I liked the clear plot points," McCracken says. "I thought, 'I'll learn how to do plots. Then I got hooked.""

She also likes the sense of resolution the genre brings.

An avid crime reader, McCracken is a fan of British novelists Ruth Rendell and Kate Atkinson.

While *Safe Harbor* is McCracken's first published novel, it's not her first book.

Tierney first appeared in an earlier novel, *Last Date*, which was short-listed for best unpublished novel by the Crime Writers of Canada in 2007.

However, markets tightened and it was never published.

While the events in that book don't play directly into *Safe Harbor*, McCracken ponders that it could be used as a prequel at some point in time.

The character of Tierney was derived from McCracken's close relationship with

Toronto's finance industry.

Working at newspapers such as the *Montreal Star* and the *Calgary Herald* earlier in her career, she eventually made her way to Toronto.

"[As a journalist] in any given city, you get into what that city specializes in," she says. "[In Toronto] it is Bay Street."

After working for the Financial Post, which eventually became the business section of the National Post, McCracken went on to write for specialty publication *Investment Executive*.

"I was always interviewing financial planners," she says, adding that most of them are good, honest people and that scam artists are few.

Tierney is one of these concerned types. "These people are her flock and she's sort of a shepherdess. She has bad nights when the markets are down."

McCracken, who still freelances in the finance industry, says she couldn't stomach being a financial advisor for the constant fear that people would lose their savings.



I just love it, I love the elevation of the Haliburton Highlands.

— Rosemary McCracken

Most of the novel was written at McCracken's Saskatchewan Lake cottage, which she's owned for the past decade and where she enjoys kayaking and hiking.

"I just love it," she says. "I love the elevation of the Haliburton Highlands."

Tierney's world includes a fictionalized version of the highlands, one where she spends a great deal of time in the sequel to *Safe Harbor*, which McCracken is working on now.

The "u" in the Canadian "harbour" was dropped at the advice of publisher Imajin Books to make the novel more accessible to American readers.

The book was nominated for the Crime Writers' Association's Debut Dagger Award



Journalist and Algonquin Highlands cottager Rosemary McCracken recently published her first crime novel, *Safe Harbor*. /Photo submitted

and last week McCracken was part of a reading panel at a celebration of the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award.

Arthur Ellis was the pseudonym used by Canadian hangmen back in the days when execution was part of the justice system in this country.

The panel included another Haliburton

cottager; Old City Hall and The Guilty Plea author Robert Rotenberg.

To uncover more about McCracken and her writing or purchase her novel, visit her website at www.rosemarymccracken.

Dorset resident ventures into Bears' Lair



Chad Ingram Staff

Representing Haliburton County, Sarah Coombs will be pitching her business, V3 Productions, to the judges in the Bears' Lair competition in Peterborough on May 12.

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Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Video, voice and vision.

Those are three Vs of V3 Productions and owner Sarah Coombs is hoping judges will listen up when she takes her company to the Bears' Lair competition in Peterborough on May 12.

Modelled after the CBC television series *Dragons' Den*, the competition, in its second year, has entrepreneurs pitch their companies or products to a panel of judges from the business world.

With a background in broadcasting, film and video production, Coombs has worked in Nelsen, B.C. and more recently was a morning show co-host and news director for The New FM out of Huntsville.

However, the hours weren't jiving with her schedule as the mother of young children.

"News never sleeps," she says, seated in the dining room of her Dorset home, laptop open in front of her. "It was a really hard balance with the kids."

Throughout the years, Coombs had always done some voiceover work on the side.

"I just thought, 'what's the next natural step?" she says.

Through V3 productions, she specializes in commercial voiceover work, largely for the real estate industry and particularly doing narration for virtual tours of properties on the market.

The work is done out of a home studio.

"It really is all about the narration," she says in a voice that makes one believe her, adding that online listings that include a virtual tour get more hits.

The competition consists of regional contests held in Peterborough, the City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton, with the winner of each graduating to the finale.

However, Coombs was the only entry from the county.

"It's kind of bittersweet," she says of running unopposed, adding that a local competition would have been a good buffer before the big showdown.

However, her sights are set firmly on the finale.

"The ultimate goal is to get in front of those judges," she says. "If you're going to be an entrepreneur, you need to take advantage."

While the contest's grand prize includes cash and a variety of services, Coombs is just as excited about the entrepreneurial workshops that are included as well as the chance to meet this year's celebrity judge, Ron Buist.

More or less considered a marketing god, Buist is the man credited for the immense popularity of the Tim Hortons brand.

"Hopefully I can pick his brain," Coombs says.

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AH asks current trails in Clear Lake reserve be maintained

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands will be requesting the Ministry of Natural Resources leave intact the existing trails and docks of Clear Lake but has no interest in retaining control of unopened shoreline road allowances around the water body.

That was the word from the township on April 19 as councillors discussed what their comments to the MNR would be about heightening regulations it will be imposing on the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve.

Council heard from the Clear Lake Cottagers' Association earlier this month, with representative Robert Lee requesting that the township retain control of unopened shoreline road allowances around the lake.

Kennisis, Red Pine, Big Hawk and Little Hake lakes border the conservation reserve, which was established in 1997 with the consent of area property owners.

However, residents have become concerned that tightening of regulations on the reserve will impact the way they use the land, including ATVing and boat caches.

"There were a number of issues that were brought forward that simply don't apply to us," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, noting that while one of those had been the ability to gather firewood, shoreline trees are not allowed to be taken for firewood.

There would be potential liability problems associated with retaining control of the allowances.

"I would like to see us make some comment that would reinforce loading point access," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "Otherwise, I really am concerned there are too

The view from a hill overlooking Clear Lake within the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve north of Haliburton. File photo

many liability issues associated with us in terms of retaining shoreline allowances."

Members of council and staff had recently taken a boat tour of Clear Lake and councillors were surprised at the docking facilities cottagers have built.

"I didn't think that kind of infrastructure was there," Moffatt said, referring to the docking system as a "miniature marina" with some 20 boats.

According to Danielsen, while reps from the MNR had said cottagers claimed the township had granted permission for the docks, no such permission was ever granted.

While the docks at Clear Lake will be allowed to stay, Danielsen said the township needed to start sending a message that in the future it will be taking action when it comes to docks installed on public property.

While there was also concern from residents that heightening regulations would prevent them from ever connecting hydro to their cottages, Moffatt said a request for hydro hookup in the past had been struck down.

Council will be suggesting that while current infrastructure remains intact, no further development is to take

County councillors also heard a delegation from the cottagers association earlier this month.

There were two property owners on the small lake who did not join the opposition movement.

The closing date for the extended public input period on the issue was April 25.





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Nursing health care

Chad Ingram

Reporter

HILE THERE ARE advantages to living in small communities, there are also drawbacks. One of those drawbacks can be distance from services, including ones of the medical variety.

For some communities in the county, the commute to the closest

physician or hospital can be close to an hour's drive

Such is the case in Dorset, where residents' nearest health care options lie in Huntsville or Minden.

Last week, a group of citizen volunteers working to bring a nurse practitioner to the community visited members of Algonquin Highlands council.

Nurse practitioners, whose medical capabilities sit in between those of a nurse and those of a doctor, can be a viable alternative for small communities without the services of a full-time physician.

Members of the volunteer group are realistic in that they know they probably won't get funding for a full-time nurse practitioner from a provincial government that is attempting to severely tighten its proverbial belt.

However, by emphasizing Dorset's unique situation - it's a central hub for residents of two municipalities located a sizeable distance away from other centres - there's no reason the group shouldn't be able to draw some cash from the province.

A nurse practitioner working just

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a few days a week in the community could greatly increase the standard of living for area residents (many of whom are elderly) who may be without a family physician or who have to travel considerable distances for medical care. The group has done a significant amount of research as it seeks to

establish just what kind of model would work best and where a clinic might be located, and members deserve thanks for their continuing efforts.



Dominion Hotel proprietor Shawn Chamberlin has said Minden is a drinking town with a poetry problem and the

town proved him right again last week as dozens of people made their way to his establishment for a poetry reading.

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Dozens of people.

To a poetry reading.

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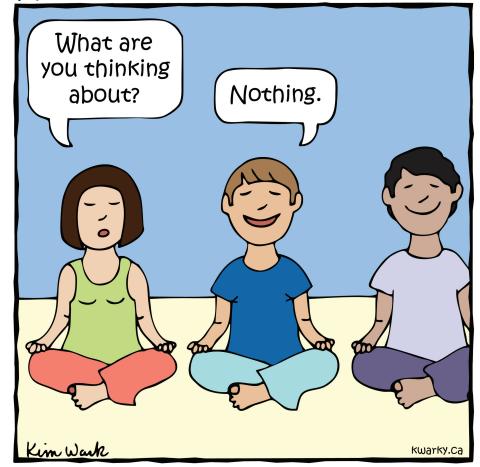
To read poetry.

In Minden.

The arts community here seems to grow bigger by the day and it's wonderful.

Live Poets in the Pub meet at the Dominion on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. and is an opportunity to hear and share poetry.

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The Only Time it's Okay for a Man to Think about Nothing

letters to the editor

Just to present another perspective about

We recently spent some time at a senior's (not to mention a large hot tub). Wendy and when our American neighbours are wearing

Lap swimming takes place in the early either the exerciser program or free swimming

Physicians and others promoting good health tell us that there is likely no better exercise than swimming. It does not stress the joints and manages to involve all muscles. For these reasons swimming is particularly important to the elderly and disabled let alone the contribution to the health of the general com-

Canadians regularly rank health care as their most important priority.

Significantly, the negative effects of many chronic illnesses are ameliorated by regular physical effort.

Mayhap the benefits of a community pool might more than justify some increase in taxes. Typically, taxes are proportionally more of a burden on those with higher income. It will be interesting to contrast the economic cost of a proposed pool in relation to its benefit to community health.

Economic cost vs health

To the Editor,

the ongoing community pool issue.

complex in Tucson. One of the main attractions for us is the large, heated outdoor pool I swim every morning during our stay, even down jackets on some of the cooler days.

morning. Midmorning the ladies (and a few men) take part in a water exerciser program for an hour every day. We have become friendly with a number of these folks. They almost universally give the pool credit for the good physical shape they manage to maintain. There are a number of 90 year olds who wouldn't miss their daily water experience, during the rest of the day. Many of these people would not be at the complex without the pool attraction.

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points of view

Bear with me, I'm texting

'M NOT A fan of text messaging. Actually, I believe I stopped being a fan of any kind of communication shortly after cellphones became smaller than toaster ovens.

The problem, as I see it, is that all this technology pulls people away from their surroundings and sucks them and their souls into a screen no bigger than a cigarette package. The sky could be falling around the average text-messenger and they wouldn't know it - unless, of course, the person next to them texted this information.

A great example of this lack of awareness came out in a news story this week in which a man was so immersed in texting that he actually ran into a bear – a really big bear.

For the record, this is the kind of thing that never happened when young people used semaphore, Morse code or smoke signals to chat.

Then again, you'd never start a brush fire just to mention that you had blueberry jam on pumpernickel

for brunch . . . mmmmwhich is the kind of important riveting, social proclamations that people routinely text.

To recap, the guy was walking along with his head buried in his phone screen, when he walked right into a bear.

After watching the video Beyond 35 footage of this that the local news helicopter took, it occurred to me that this might become a growing issue right here in central Ontario – after all we have cellphones with generous text messaging plans and we have bears, the

two major ingredients.

So, as a public service, here's what to do if you run into a bear while text messaging.

First, continue texting, something like: Sorry about your toe nail. OMG, big black bear!

To which your friend will respond: LOL! On TV? You really think my toenail will grow back?

You'll then text: Sure it will - give it a few months. BBB staring at me! Rude!!!!

Seconds later you'll hear bloop! And then receive

a text that says: I hope so - toe looks gross! Send pic of BBB."

To which you reply: Not now, running 4 life! OMG, not that gross. In return you'll get a reply that says: It is (sad face emoticon). Where BBB

If you are the average text messenger you might reply: Gnawing on foot. Hey! (Smiley face) my toe now like yours! LOL!

In a second or two you'll get back: Kewl!

Of course at this point you need to get your priorities straight. That means protecting your texting thumbs from being gnawed off. Otherwise, you're going to need to get a voiceactivated app to text message and we all know how messed up those can be.

In the meantime, the bear will get upset with being ignored and walk off.

To which you'll text: BBB had nuff.

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Steve Galea

OT SO MANY years ago, Haliburton County had MNR offices in Gooderham, Haliburton and Minden. Soon it may have none.

A video statement from the Deputy Minister to staff of Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources says budget cuts mean "fewer people, places and programs" for the ministry.

Exactly what that means still is being worked out, but informed speculation is that the MNR may be left with only eight local offices, instead of the 40 or so it now has in places like Atikokan and Tweed - and Minden.

Local stewardship councils like Haliburton's also appear to be on the chopping block, as does much of the MNR's oversight of projects affecting the natural environment.

Developers would be "deemed to have approvals if they confirm their compliance with standards established in regulation, as opposed to detailed review by ministry staff," according to the Deputy Minister's video.

I have as much difficulty interpreting bureaucratic bafflegab as The Brown Dog Jiggs has understanding my commands, but that sounds as though the fox will be put in charge of the hen house. Don't blame the Deputy Minister, or the MNR, for that matter. They're just trying to cope with a three per cent cut (\$26-million) in the new provincial budget that was expected to pass yesterday.

Spending cuts are a perennial reality in this province for any ministry not delivering health care or education for a government under pressure to hold down spending in a faltering econ-

The MNR's three per-cent cut may sound trivial, but it's just the latest trim for a ministry that has lost two-thirds of its share of the provincial budget since 1990-91.

That share has gone from 1.6 per cent to 0.5 of the provincial budget. Staffing has been slashed by 40 per cent, from 5,800 to 3,300 in that span and there's

An understandable amount of hysteria is going around among folks who depend on the MNR's support in one way or another.

For example, there is a rumour that revenue from fishing and hunting licences no longer will go directly to the ministry's Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account. Special purposes include everything from fish-stocking to population surveys such as the one that counts the deer in the Hindon deer yard. The account also pays for enforcement.

The rumour of that particular cutback

is "incorrect," according to MNR spokesperson Jolanta Kowalski. Indeed, it couldn't happen without a change in provincial legislation and no such change is on the table at the moment.

But if the Special Purpose Account seems safe for now, the same cannot be said for local stewardship councils. Indeed, the Deputy Minister's video said there will be

"a reduction in stewardship and partnership funding."

That may not be good news for other environmental groups like the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, but it is supporters of the stewardship councils who have launched a petition campaign to save the councils. In Haliburton, the stewardship council seemed to be a solid link between the ministry and the broader community, running useful seminars, offering manuals that help lake associations manage their lakes and supporting such groups as the Junior Naturalists. Nobody knows exactly how many local offices will be closed,

but the estimate of eight survivors seems to be the speculative consensus.

Kowalski, the MNR spokesperson, says only that there may be "some office consolidation and the closure of some of MNR's smaller facilities. Full details . . . have not been decided."

Legend has it that during a previous round of cutbacks in the Harris years, the Minden office survived only because our MPP, Chris Hodgson, was the Minister of Natural Resources. Now a closing would be politically easier in a riding that just elected a Progressive Conservative, just as it was when the Liberals shut down the Frost Centre.

Aside from its environmental impact, closing the Minden office would mean the departure of some pretty good jobs in a county that needs all of the good jobs it can get.

There will be other changes, too complex for a layman to interpret. For example, the emphasis will shift from protecting specific species (presumably Species At Risk) to monitoring ecosystem health, whatever that means.

We live in interesting times. A government that paints itself green seems to find money only for building wind generators.

Some green vision!

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Neil Campbell Back of Beyond

AH provides update on MNR project

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is pleased to provide a spring 2012 update on the relocation of the Ministry of Natural Resources' North East Region Fire Management Headquarters to the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport.

The last information release on this project was in November 2011 and it can be found on the township website. Council updates on the project have been regularly reported over the winter in both the Times and The Highlander newspapers, both of which are available online.

Discussions with, between and among the township, MNR and their consultants have continued throughout the winter. The relocation was favourably discussed between Reeve Carol Moffatt and the Minister of Natural Resources at the Ontario Good Roads Conference in late February

"The minister was pleased with our progress to date and was waiting for the provincial budget to determine the next financial steps, however, that was two months ago and we're certainly paying close attention to the status of the provincial and federal budgets," said Moffatt.

As part of the ongoing process, the MNR last year hired consultants, architects and engineers to plan and design the relocation. Test wells have been completed and a wellsite chosen. Lease details have been discussed at length and a letter of intent (LOI) between the township and Infrastructure Ontario (IO, formerly ORC) is expected soon.

In March, council members were shown the ministry's final civil drawings for the required acreage and it's hoped that the MNR will roll out those plans at a joint open house to be held this summer, where the public can see the plans and speak with ministry officials.

The building will be LEED Silver Certified and it's going to be wonderful but people do need to realize that the MNR isn't putting a little log cabin in the woods; it will be a large construction site," Moffatt added noting, however, that the plans include a lot of green space with a buffer zone of trees between the road and the cleared portion of the land as requested by council.

Conversations have continued with officials at both levels of government for a scope change application for the Build Canada Funds. Discussions continue and a formal application will be submitted when the township engineering firm determines the final details, prices the project and council votes on it more.

"We've repeatedly used the term chicken and egg and that still holds true. It's a complicated and kind of jumbled process but staff and councillors have done a great job of asking the right questions and making sure this continues to be a good, solid project for the municipality," said Mof-

The township's one-third commitment to the original funding was \$1.2 million and a portion of the project was completed in 2010 with the existing runway rehabilitation. The township has successfully allocated a further \$500,000 during the current council term for future work at the airport without increasing taxes.

"In these challenging economic times for all municipalities, we're uniquely fortunate to have our airport infrastructure to help promote economic growth and development within the municipality. This long term commitment proposed by MNR at the airport is a major first step towards making this possible," said Ward 1 Councillor Gord

Council is looking at ways to improve the airport's capacity and revenue-generation without relying further on the

The public has said they want our airport to remain recreational, to be self-sustaining and to be worthwhile. We're looking at some value-added enhancements that will do just that," said Moffatt.

Other evolutions of the project include:

Ongoing review of the land use diagram by exp Services (exp Services is formerly Trow Engineering - the town-



Chad Ingram Staff

This Turbo Beaver, used by the MNR for forest fire detection and surveillance, was one of the ministry aircraft stationed at the Stanhope Airport in 2010. /File photo

ship's engineering consultant);

The decision to use the existing terminal building as a public wifi hub and a tourism information location because it's open and staffed on weekends;

The acknowledgement that any renovations or enhancements to the terminal building will be more easily accomnodated through MNR lease payments rather than the from the taxpaver;

The development of new terms of reference for the airport committee that provides for volunteers to be better involved in events that attract visitors (they currently manage five fly-ins per year, well above average for a recreational airport of our size);

The hiring of a new airport manager in January 2012 whose knowledge and enthusiasm are expected to bring an array of ideas, concepts and partnership opportunities;

Other discussions have included renovations to the terminal building, building a second row of hangars to accommodate the waiting list, and investigating the viability and growth of the airport through a strategic planning

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen is confident about the project's contribution. "This project will contribute in an immediate and long term way to the Stanhope Airport's viability and growth. The consideration of a second row of hangers is the type of enhancement the public can embrace, and this may be the timeliest and most cost effective way of building them without our taxpayers hav-

ing to bear the cost."

As to next steps, "... the timeline from here is for exp Services to cost the project for council's approval and vote, to apply for the funding scope change, to rescind the current resolution to build a new runway and to take the project public - in no pre-determined order," said Moffatt.

A second federal environmental assessment will be required for the revised plan as well as a Stage 2 archeological Assessment. The EA has little expense attached to it and the costs of the archeological assessment will be included in the costs to be provided by the township's engi-

Todd Brothers, the firm originally contracted to undertake the earthworks for the runway, remains on board for

The ministry's operational requirements include parking for staff and MNR fleet vehicles, shipping and receiving, a one-story building and an apron to accommodate two helicopters and two Twin Otters. Year round staffing will be 6 to 8 persons with 54 seasonal jobs for firefighting crews.

The fifty-odd seasonal workers have been rotating through the airport every summer since 1998 so there's nothing new there. Those folks live in the area, eat in our restaurants and use local resources, and we have every confidence that the new base will be a quiet and valuable contribution to our community. The feedback's been really

Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle, elected in a by-election just last fall, is also comfortable with the current discussions and how her constituents feel about it.

'The relocation of the MNR and some of the things we're discussing at the airport are beneficial to both the greater county community and the township because they support long term, sustainable revenue opportunities without turning the airport into something the public doesn't want," she said.

"We believe the relocation of the MNR will bring significant immediate and long term financial gains that will not only offset the airport's operational costs but also allow for continued improvement of a great little recreational airport for the Haliburton Highlands," concluded Moffatt.
The combined township and MNR construction is antic-

ipated to begin in 2013.

Submitted by Algonquin Highlands township



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NOTICE FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

Please be advised that Township Employees will be performing mandatory Fire Hydrant flushing ongoing throughout the Minden Water Distribution System.

This will occur during the week of May 7th to 11th, 2012

During this period please allow the water to run for 2-5 minutes to clear any discoloured water through the home plumbing.

For further information, please contact Chris Voth Environmental & Property Operations Manager (705) 286-1260 ext. 216.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S MINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT'S **FIRE CALENDAR WINNERS! DENNIS CASEY & VAL CRAFTCHICK**

CONSTRUCTION RE PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Please be advised that the public restrooms located adjacent to the Minden Hills Fire Department will be under construction starting the first week of April. Portable toilets will be available for use during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience caused as a result of the construction. If you require further information, please call the Environmental Property Operations Manager 705-286-1260 Ext 216.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 26, 2012

9:00 a.m. Council Meeting (10:00 public session) Council Chambers 9:30 a.m. Committee of Adjustment (Council Chambers) 9:00 am COTW/General Committee meeting (10:00 am public

May 31 June 12 9:00 am Council meeting (10:00 am public session) Council Chambers Relay for Life - Haliburton High School



Cultural Centre **NEEDLE AND FIBRE ARTS WORKSHOP**

Instructed by Nadine Papp, this two day workshop will involve silk screen printing and stamping on fabrics to develop yardage for a quilted project of a wall hanging, placemat or table runner. Hand sewing needlework techniques will also be taught. Sewing abilities are not necessary. Participants will need to bring one metre of two different PFD cottons plain and printed, material scissors and threads. Workshops are being offered afternoon 1:30pm - 4pm and evening 6pm-8:30pm Tuesday May 8th and Friday May 11. Cost is \$40 per person. Register by April 27th by calling **705-286-3763**

For more information please go to www.mindenculturalcenter.com or call 705-286-2808

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Look for our upcoming exhibitions beginning May 3rd, 2012. Elemental Exposure by Tony Cooper features landscape paintings done on panels and put together in a mosaic. 10,000 hours by Oscar Ross features bronze sculpture and figure drawings. Join us for a double opening reception and artist talk on Saturday. May 5th at 1pm.

NOTICE

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE FEES & CHARGES BY-LAW AT THEIR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 MILNE STREET, MINDEN:

SCHEDULE F: Planning Fees Severance **Applications (Planning Department** Fees) adding cost deposit to be filed for planning consultant services SCHEDULE "G" - Cemetery Fees and Charges

SCHEDULE I: Environment - Water. Sewer & Landfill

\$10.00 - Mattresses (housekeeping) **SCHEDULE J: Advertising**

2012 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Road damage risk is at its highest during the spring thaw. The Township of Minden Hills enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the Township roads. Reduced loading will be in effect on Township roads until further notification.

Karate-Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 pm, Call 705-286-1936 Ext. 200 for more information

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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS, PLEASE CALL 1-866-856-3247 FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Volunteers cultivate caring environment

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

To the staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services they plant the seeds of kindness every single day.

On April 16, those same staff members thanked the volunteers, of which there are 400, who assist in the day-to-day operations of local health facilities and services throughout Haliburton County.

The 12th annual volunteer appreciation night at the Haliburton Legion featured live music, a buffet and kind words from HHHS management.

This year the event included a gardening motif, with the room adorned in flowers, shovels and spring colours, playing off the theme "volunteers plant the seeds of kindness."

Typically held in the fall, organizers decided to pair their event with National Volunteer Week, on from April 15 to

Tonight is a celebration of you," said HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush as he welcomed everyone to the event.

Stressing the importance of their contributions, Rosebush told the crowd the work HHHS completes wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteers.

Falling one day after the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, Rosebush concluded with a thought-provok-

Just remember, Noah's Arc was built by volunteers and the Titanic by professionals," he said.

Other staff, including HHHS Foundation director Dale Walker, board president Dale Robinson and patient care manager Debbie Watson also thanked the volunteers for their hard work, from lending their time to hospital fundraisers and board meetings to spending time at Highland Wood or Hyland Crest.

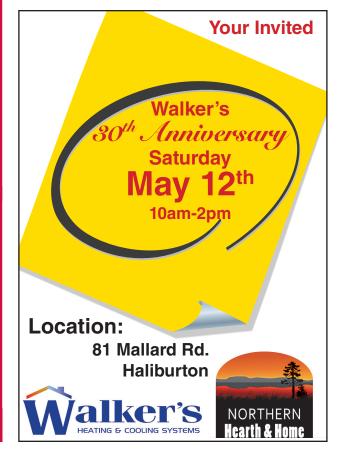
Volunteer Burrt Bonnell was the lucky recipient of a pottery piece created by Grahame and Debbie Wales of Earth and Fire Pottery.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Volunteers help themselves to a buffet dinner at the Haliburton Legion on April 16 at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services volunteer appreciation night.





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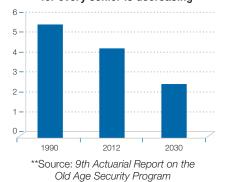
Canadians are living longer and costs for the Old Age Security (OAS) are rising.

On April 1, 2023 the Government of Canada plans to start raising the age of eligibility for OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) from 65 to 67.*

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Recording subsidies available for local musicians

The Haliburton County Folk Society, with support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, has 20 recording subsidies for \$100 each available to Haliburton County residents and/or members of the Haliburton County Folk Society.

This initiative was created to give local musicians, both young and old, an opportunity to professionally record a piece of original material to help promote and elevate their musical profile.

The terms of the subsidy include that

applicants be a Haliburton County resident and/or a current member of the Haliburton County Folk Society to qualify. The recording must be original material.

We encourage young musicians with original material to take advantage of this opportunity as well as adult artists.

The application form must be returned to the Folk Society on or before the deadline of June 30 and permission be given to the Folk Society to use the recorded original work for a compilation CD that will be juried and created by the Folk Society to help showcase local talent.

The first twenty qualifying applications returned to the Folk Society will be awarded

This project is in partnership with Quantum Entertainment Studio in West Guilford who has generously offered a very reduced recording rate in cooperation with this ini-

Individual musicians will be given the opportunity to professionally record their

work and receive a final product that can be used for local radio play, as a marketable mp3, or may be chosen to represent the next Haliburton County Folk Society compilation CD of local artists.

You may obtain the application form on the Haliburton County Folk Society website at www.haliburtonfolk.com or request it by email at info@haliburtonfolk.com.





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Reads of the week

Book of the Week:

The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks

When U.S. Marine Logan Thibault finds a photograph of a smiling young woman half-buried in the dirt in Iraq, his first instinct is to toss it aside but when no one claims it at the base, he finds himself carrying it around in his pocket. Soon Logan experiences a sudden streak of luck—winning poker games and even surviving deadly combat that kills two of his closest comrades. He comes to believe that the photograph is his lucky charm. Back home, Logan can't seem to get the mystery woman out of his mind. Believing that she somehow holds the key to his destiny, he sets out on a journey across the country to find her, never expecting the woman he encounters in Hampton, North Carolina—Elizabeth, a divorced mother with a young son—to be the girl he's been waiting his whole life to meet. Read the book before you see the movie by requesting *The Lucky* One in print or e-book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Week: Picture Book Title

The Yippy, Yappy Yorkie in a Green Dog Sweater by Debbie Macomber and Mary Lou Carney.

After a recent move, Ellen is apprehensive about her new neighborhood - until one day, when her yippy, yappy pup Baxter runs away. She and her mom must set out in search of Baxter, encountering friendly new neighbours all along the way. Finally, naughty Baxter is found in the company of another Yorkie. The young owner of the other Yorkie admires Baxter's outfit, and when Ellen replies that she knit it for him, a friendship is forged. This new picture book, co-wrote by bestselling author Debbie Macomber, is a delightful tale to share with young children facing a move or daunting new experience.

Local Celebrity Read:



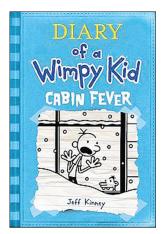
Noelle Dupret Smith, a Grade 6 student, recently read and reviewed The Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever, the sixth book in author Jeff Kinney's popular Wimpy Kid

"[The Wimpy Kid series] is about a boy in seventh grade named Greg whose life is all on video games. When Greg is not on video games he is getting in trouble," explains Dupret Smith. "In this book, Greg and his best friend Rowley post posters to a

holiday event they are hosting to earn some money. They posted some lime green posters on the school wall one night and all of a sudden it starts to rain. Greg and Rowley

take them down. And all of the lime green posters stain the wall. And now everybody wants to know who did it so the school brings in the police!

"I really liked this book because Greg has a family that does goofy things," Dupret Smith says. "My favourite character is Rowley, Greg's best friend, because Rowley is like a 6 year old in the body of a 13 year old. He is always around Greg and only watches 2 year old TV shows."



In conclusion, Dupret Smith says, "I recommend this book to children ages six and older because on each page you get a good laugh."

News & Events:

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a lunch and learn on May 31. The guest speaker will be Sheila Ziman of the Haliburton Land Trust. For more information, please contact the Friends at friends@haliburtonlibrary.ca.

All featured books available at

Haliburton County Public Library







Blowing the audience away

Chad Ingram Staff

The Georgian Bay Saxophone Ensemble belted out an eclectic variety of fingersnapping, toe-tapping tunes at the ninth annual Evening of Wine, Words Music and Art at the Dorset Recreation Centre on April 20.

The night included musical acts, readings from poets and authors and the display and sale of works by local artists.

Refreshments were provided by Robinson's General Store.

NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2012 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Under the Highway Traffic Act, the province enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect Ontario's highways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Reduced loading has been lifted in the Huntsville Area by the Ministry of Transportation as of April 22, 2012.

All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any highways during the months of March and April, in the southern portion of Ontario, and March, April and May in the northern portion

Single trip permits, for moving of overloads on highways not designated in Schedules 1, 2 and 3, may be issued, but are subject to axle controls established by the Ministry of Transportation.

SCHEDULE 2 HIGHWAYS

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- Hwy. 124, north to the Hamlet of Ardbeg
- Jct. Hwy. 60 at Madawaska south to Hasting/Nipissing County boundary
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Waverley Brook Farm turns 100

Larry Giles of the Haliburton County Historical Society, right, helps Godfrey Tyler unveil a sign commemorating 100 years of the Tyler family's Waverley Brook Farm near Donald on April 21. The society split the cost of the sign with Dysart et al township. A large crowd, including several members of the Tyler family as well as MPP Laurie Scott and MP Barry Devolin, attended the event. Waverley Brook Farm is one of the few functioning farms in Haliburton County. The farm is named for Waverley Road in Toronto, where Godfrey's great grandfather had a butcher shop before moving to the county. /Chad Ingram





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Volunteers trying to determine which model would work best in Dorset

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people from moving there; and that many people without a family doctor are forced to use emergency rooms as their primary care facility.

'We have to figure out what is the very best model for us," Hickling said, and it seems that model could be the use of a nurse practitioner in some form.

Nurse practitioners are nurses with additional training who can provide some of the services of physicians.

The team visited some area nurse practitioner clinics, including one in Minden and another in Rousseau.

In Minden's doctor-owned clinic, a nurse practitioner comes in one or two days a week to see patients.

"I think it's working very well for them," Hickling said.

The clinic in Rousseau, which Hickling referred to as the "Cadillac," has a full-time nurse practitioner and for the first five years of its existence, operated out of a trailer.

People seem more than happy with the care provided by nurse practitioners.

'They are dedicated people, they love what they're doing and their patients love them," Hickling said.

While he realizes the chances of getting provincial funding for a full-time nurse practitioner in Dorset are nil, Hickling said some sort of satellite clinic staffed a few days a week and perhaps a mobile nurse practitioner who could travel to patients' homes one or two days a week seem to be a reasonable option for Dorset.

A satellite clinic would require about 800 square feet

of space, an accessible entranceway and washroom and secure storage for pharmaceuticals.

Some prospective locations identified by the team are Lions Camp Dorset, the Dorset Recreation Centre. as well as three area seniors'

Hickling said there is also a trailer that could be used and a couple of small homes in the area that could be renovated to suit the purpose by private donation and public

Reeve Carol Moffatt said she and staff had recently met with reps from Lake of Bays and shown them the township's satellite office in Dorset as well.

This council is quite excited about this project," Moffatt told Hickling. "Your research is fabulous."

There will be logistical and jurisdictional issues the two townships will have to sort out.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who sits on the county's health professional recruitment committee suggested the team get in contact with Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush to discuss their plans and the team will be keeping council up to date on its activities.

Lake of Bays Councillor Robert Lavroix was also present and said one of the advantages of the Rosseau clinic is that it is run under the auspices of the hospital in Parry Sound, meaning users can retain their family doctors.

Because of provincial regulations, regular users of some other clinics must give up their family physician.

Meanwhile, the county's recruitment committee continues to work to move doctors to the area and during the meeting, councillors received a request from former reeve Eleanor Harrison, who heads up the community liaison committee, a subgroup of the recruitment committee.

Harrison's request was that Algonquin Highlands, as it has in the past, continue to support air tours of the county by health professionals thinking of moving to the county.

Airport manager Duane Hicks said he already had a pilot lined up to conduct any such tours.

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Reduce, reuse and recycle

Photos by Chad Ingram

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

The importance of reducing, reusing and recycling were some of the lessons departed during an Earth Day assembly at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on April 20. Earth Day itself is on April 22 each year and ASES students will be continuing their environmental stewardship as students partake in a challenge to bring lunches packed entirely in reusable containers to school this week.



Kindergarten students eagerly participate in a game called Which Bin Does It Go In?,

where the school's blindfolded prime ministers had to sort garbage and recycling into appropriate containers with the help of the audience.



Cheryl Kennedy and other staff members donned colourful bonnets for the assembly.

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A blindfolded Madison Allore does her best to follow instructions from a screaming crowd during a rousing rendition of Which Bin Does It Go In?

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Green thumbs unite in Minden

Staff reporter

Gardening enthusiasts from throughout central-eastern Ontario congregated in Minden on April 21 for the annual general meeting of District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Hosted by the Minden and District Horticultural Society, the event took place at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

The 95 registered participants took care of association business, including the election of officers and heard from guest speaker Martin Galloway on the adaption of plants to different environments.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid brought greetings from the township.

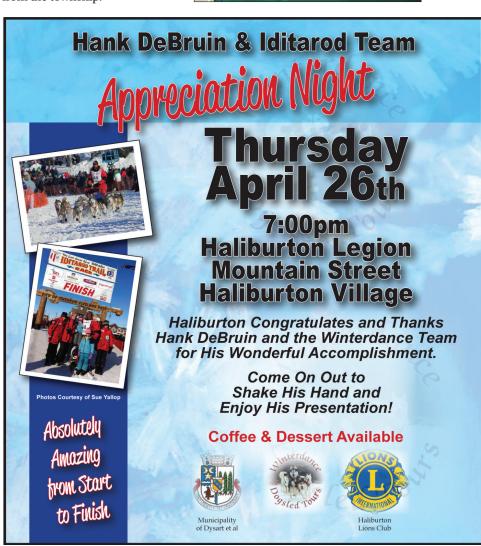
Along with the local society, there were horticultural societies from Bobycaygeon; Brighton; Campbellford; Coboconk; Cobourg; Cramahe: Fenelon Falls; Grafton; Lakefield; Lindsay; Norland; Norwood; Omemee; Peterborough; Port Hope; and





Far left, visiting societies had displays set up in the Minden Hills Community Centre. Left, Barb Millington, left, was event chairwoman and Liz Case is the president of the Minden and District Horticultural Society.

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Renovations underway on Places for People project

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

For three weeks now. board members and volunteers have been busy renovating the house that affordable housing corporation Places for People recently purchased in Carnarvon.

The organization is hoping to move two families into the duplex this spring and is looking for volunteers to help with a number of tasks, including painting.

To get involved, visit www.placesforpeople.ca or contact board director Harvey Walker at 905-435-





COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-007/12

Applicant: Gordon GRAHAM

Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson

Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

File No. H-008/12

Applicant: Philip GRAHAM & ESTATE OF JANE GRAHAM Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

3. File No. H-009/12

Applicant: Margaret GRAHAM

Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson

Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

File No. H-010/12

Applicant: ESTATE OF MURRAY JOHN SCHRADER

Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 9-10 & 8-9, Concessions 5& 6, Geographic Township of Snowdon Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 25th day of April, 2012

Jane M. Tousaw, CMO Director of Planning County of Haliburton 11 Newcastle Street P.O. 399 Minden, Ontario

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Far left, Harvey Walker gets with the drill as he works on a doorframe.

Left, Joanna Penfold primes a closet. Places for People is looking for volunteers to help with renovations.

Chad Ingram Staff

Notices

SEASON, EVERY SEASON SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on the 28th day of May, 2012, at the Township Offices, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario, KOM 2KO.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Township Offices

Description of Lands and Minimum Tender Amount:

(Set out the cancellation price as of the first day of advertising)

PT LT 19, CON 2, SNOWDON PT 2, 19R1129, EXCEPT PT 9, 19R1328; S/T EXECUTION 04-0000275, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 04-0000336, IF ENFORCEABLE; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39220-0157(LT). Roll # 46 16 041 000 18700.

Minimum Tender Amount: \$9,472.95

PT LT 19, CON 2 SNOWDON PT 1 & 3, 19R1129 EXCEPT PT 5, 19R1328 & PT 1, H96101; S/T H242332; S/T 2. BENEFICÍARIES INTEREST IN H238805; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39220-0158(LT). Roll # 46 16 041

Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,175.58

PT LT 19, CON 2 SNOWDON AS IN H203819 EXCEPT PT 2, H96101; T/W H203819; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39220-0161 (LT). Roll # 46 16 041 000 19100. Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,205.58

PT LT 15, CON 12, MINDEN, PT 1, 2, 3, 4, 19R3536; S/T RIGHTS IN H148782; S/T H148782; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39187-0419(LT). Roll # 46 16 032 000 81700.

Minimum Tender Amount: \$10,339,17

PT LT 4, CON A, MINDEN AS IN H43973 (SECONDLY); MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39196-0124(LT). Roll

Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,525.85

PT LT 16, CON 2, SNOWDON AS IN H161769; S/T EXECUTION 91-0000019, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 91-0000137, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 94-0000252, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 94-0001011, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 94-0001012, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 94-0001020, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000120, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000121, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 95-95-0000262, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000535, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 95-0001041, IF ENFORCEABLE; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39220-0143(LT). Roll # 46 16 041 000 17700.

Minimum Tender Amount: \$15,205.80

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land(s) to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules, as amended, made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

Note: H.S.T. may be payable by successful purchaser.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359 MINDEN, Ontario, KOM 2KO (705) 286-1260

NOTE: This document need not be registered.

Minden's poetry problem persists

Photos by Chad Ingram

In celebration of National Poetry Month, a clan of wordsmiths, some neophytes and some more seasoned, gathered at the Dominion Hotel on April 18 to share their work. Organized and hosted by John Unrau and Pat Brown, some 20 poets took to the stage. All are invited to join the regular Live Poets in the Pub sessions, which take place on the third Wednesdsay of each month at the Dominion beginning at 7 p.m.





Above, audience members sit entranced as widely published poet Lea Harper reads some of her work.

Left, a few glasses were raised during the evening. On stage here is Bob Penfold, whose poems touched on topics from writer's block to lighter fare like mortality.

Below, dozens gathered for the poetry readings.

Notices

The Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Township of Lake of Bays REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

2012-08

FOR THE DORSET OUTDOOR ICE RINK RE-SURFACING -ENGINEERED DRAWINGS

Closing Thursday, May 17th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. For further information contact Stefan Szczerbak, Planner - at **705-635-2272**, Ext. 226





Additional information and Quotation packages are available at the Municipal Office or on the Municipal web site at www.lakeofbays.on.ca/rfp_2012.htm



Is anyone paying attention?

Joe Duarte, QMI Agency

The other day, my wife related the story of a cyclist in the middle of a major intersection waiting to turn left.

At first blush, that's what he's supposed to do as a "vehicle" on our roads. But according to her, he had on ear-bud headphones and was "rockin' out" as he waited for the intersection to clear in order to make his left turn, a long string of cars waiting (patiently, I like to believe) behind him.

As a driver, I'm not allowed to be distracted in any way when my car is in motion (or even stopped in traffic, about to go in motion), so why can you pin all the responsibility for your safety on me when you're distracted? I check my mirrors every two or three seconds to keep up on what's going on around my vehicle. I believe all road city street users should have the same burden of safety when they're out in traffic situations - whether it's crossing a lane to get onto a street-car, crossing a road on a crosswalk or darting in and out of cars as they speed their way across town to deliver an important package. Now I know the argument is that I can do a lot more damage with my two-ton vehicle than you can with your 10-ounce shoes or 20-pound bike, so I have to bare a greater burden for safety. Maybe it's time we looked at making our land-locked traffic behave in a like manner.

For more auto news, go to autonet.ca.



NOTIC



The Provincial Service Officer will be in the Haliburton area on May 23rd to assist and counsel Veterans, their spouses/widows or dependants in accessing information on VAC (Veterans Assistance Canada) benefits. If you are a Veteran living in the Kinmount area and have any questions or concerns, or wish to make an appointment with the Provincial Service Officer please contact Brian Ferguson, Service Officer Branch 441 Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount at 705-488-3174 by May 4th. You do not have to be a legion member for this service.

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April 20th 2012

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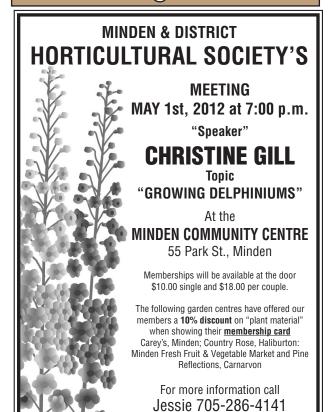
Minden United Church

21 Newcastle Street Minden.

For more information or to register please contact

Donna at **705-286-1237** or Nancy at 705-286-1305

Coming Events



ALL WELCOME

community What's happening in the County



Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the Halibuton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

April 26: Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting and Elections at 1pm

April 26: Steve Nash Youth Basketball Program Co-ed ages 9-15 registration Dates April 26 & May 1 from 6:30-7:30 at HHSS Athletic Complex SPACE IS LIMITED! \$40 for 8 week session

April 27: Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library AGM & Members Appreciation Afternoon. Minden Hills Cultural Centre 1:00pm Free for members of Friends; \$5.00 for the public. Refreshments provided.

April 28: The Haliburton County Snowmobile Assoc. is having thier AGM at Sandy Lane Resort, Highway 35 North of Carnarvon at 10am Everyone Welcome

April 28: SIRCH Hike for Hospice Collect pledges on your own or get a team together and join us at Haliburton High School at 10:15 AM to register. Hike begins at 11 AM. Light refreshments, BBQ, entertainment and awards for most pledges collected. 100% of funds raised stay in our community!

May 3: CFUW HH Card Party & Lunch, West Guilford Community Centre 12:00pm \$20/person includes lunch, All proceeds to the CFUW HH Scholarship Fund, Phone 705 754-1066 for

May 4: Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf Icebreaker tee registration May 4th at the Haliburton Curling club 7pm for more information call 705-887-4230

May 6: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fenelon Falls fundraising concert, featuring

Musical Duo Karel Beck & Ruth McGhee, Holy Fire & the Caleb Kim Jr. Doors open 1:30pm concert starts 2pm freewill donations will be gratefully received.

May 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild meets on Wednesday at 1 pm at the Stanhope Community Centre. This is the Annual General Meeting. For information call Pat Stiver at (705) 489-3751.

Members of the Maple Lake U.C are collecting Bottles & Cans to raise money for the Churchs' new Washroom Liquor, wine, beer bottles or cans plus pop cans are being accepted please contact Maggie at 705-754-2968 for pick up

• Welcome to TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Monday Mornings located at Community Care weigh in begins at 9:30a.m. Short meeting after call Don or Mary Jane at 705-447-2420

Bereavement Group: located in the lower level of the Minden United Church for those who have been touched by loss. All Welcome for more info call Donna 705-286-1237or Nancy 705-286-1305

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Relay for Life happens June 8 and 9



Gina Atkinson Stanhope Life

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A copy of the detailed job description is available online at www.county.haliburton. on.ca. The interview evaluation process will include testing of IT skills required for this position.

> Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources County of Haliburton Administration Office. 11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399 Minden, Ontario KOM 2KO efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

Minden Times

The Minden Times is currently hiring for the distribution driver position.

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john.bauman@sunmedia.ca

What's one of the first signs of spring? You might be thinking buds on shrubs and trees or perhaps warm sunny days, but it's actually garage sales.

This is the most popular time of the year for garage sales and the one you shouldn't miss is the one that's happening this Saturday and Sunday at Pine Reflections Garden Centre. There's going to be a huge selection of items that might be just what you're looking for, for either your home or cottage.

In a past life before I was self-employed and working the spring/summer season and one of my favourite pastimes on weekends was attending garage sales. My sisterin-law Franca and I would grab a coffee and drive around looking for them; it's quite a social event!



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Anyway, this weekend April 28 and 29 check out the really interesting "must have" items at Pine Reflections Garden Centre. The location is 15534 Highway 35 just north of Highway 118.

Another sign of spring is the Relay for Life that is just around the corner. We have registered the Pine Reflections "Bloomers" and are now setting up our team and collecting donations. The Relay for Life will happen June 8 and 9 in Haliburton. The money raised at this event is for our community, supporting relatives, friends and neighbours who are battling cancer.

Some of the services they make possible are information, transportation to treatment centres out of our area, wigs and a smoker's hotline for those who want to quit or would like to help someone else stop smoking.

The biggest reason to give is for cancer-fighting research that benefits all of us. Did you know that 62 per cent of people survive a cancer diagnosis in comparison to only 25 per cent in the 1940s? Call 1-800-463-0432 if you would like more information regarding programs and services.

Again, this year I am the team captain for the Pine Reflections "Bloomers" and my job is to recruit, motivate and organize my team. So with this mind I am asking you to join our team or donate a little something to make this year's event the best ever.

Give me a call and be part of the picture. There's plenty of organization that goes in to this relay and if you haven't attended the event in the past, try to come out and be part of it. You won't be expected to walk the walk from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. but even a small walk around the field will give you a feeling that will stay with you for days.

Life is full of new experiences. This week my motherin-law June fulfilled one of the things on her bucket list. She had expressed an interest and lucky for her the opportunity was literally around the corner. At soon to be

80, she took a Reiki 1 class around the corner from us taught by Claudette Pitre, Reiki master. She came back to the house feeling really good and proud of her diploma.

Now, curiosity has got the better of me and I am scheduled to take the class this Thursday. I will get back to you on this in my next column.

Have a great week!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH YOUTH INTERN

Community Care Haliburton County, a non for profit, charitable organization is seeking a Community Outreach Youth Intern. This position is a 36 week contract, the successful candidate will have the opportunity to learn about charitable and not for profit organizations, develop skills for future employability and to build connections within Haliburton County. For a detailed description visit our website: www.communitycarehaliburton.com.

Applications are due on Monday April 30th by 4:00pm to Maureen Trimble, Executive Director, CCHC P.O. Box 956, 83 Maple Ave. Haliburton, ON KOM 1SO or to Maureen@cchaliburton.com. We thank all those that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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The Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department c/o The Dorset Recreation Centre,

> Box 99. **Dorset ON POA 1E0**

or email: drc@algonquinhighlands.ca by May 4, 2012. Only those being interviewed will be contacted.

Dorset's spring litter clean up is April 28



Melissa Alfano

Dorset News

705-766-0076 malfano@hotmail.com

If you have items for the Dorset news, please send them to my new email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076. My old email address was compromised and blocked and I can no longer access it.

Folk art class at the Dorset Recreation Centre has completed their last project and is now taking a hiatus until the fall. For more information call 705-766-9968.

Fran Gower, RN, will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, April 25 to provide a foot clinic. To book an appointment or to find out more, give Joy a call at 705-766-1418. Have you always wanted to try Tai Chi? There is one more opportunity to attend a class that is geared to adults ages 55 plus, although all are welcome. The last class is taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 27

from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and only costs \$5 thanks to a subsidy from the 2011 Winterfest Legacy Fund. If you absolutely love it, you can join in the regular Tuesday evening class from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the recreation centre at 705-766-9968 or Valerie Houston Peel of Temple Knights at 705-767-1177. Dorset's spring litter clean up, "Dorset Pitch In" takes place on Saturday, April 28, meeting at the Dorset recreation centre at 9 a.m. to pick up garbage and recyclable bags and to pick a route. Everyone is welcome. Bring gloves and a pick if you like and join in the fun. Meet back at the recreation centre around 11 a.m. for refreshments and to share stories on the most interesting find. For more information, contact the recreation centre at 705-766-9968. The next Dorset Ladies Night is on Tuesday, May 1 at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. and all ladies are welcome. The cost is \$5 per person. Give the Recreation Centre a call to sign up or for more information. Dorset Book Club meets at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesday, May 2 from 1 to 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The group will be discussing The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. For more information, give the

branch a call at 705-766-9969.

Lorraine VanLuit from Motivations Fitness in Huntsville is coming back to Dorset in May! Lorraine will be offering a four-week session at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Fridays starting on May 4 and ending on May 25. These fitness classes are geared to adults ages 55 plus although all are welcome. They will run from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration is required by contacting the recreation centre at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968. Classes are \$5 each and are subsidized in part by the 2011 Winterfest Legacy Fund. You still have a chance to try out your voice at the Dorset Community Choir sing along. The group next meets at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and have fun, sing with a group in a relaxed "just for fun" environment. The group will not be meeting again after May 7 until the fall. For more information, call Susan at 705-766-1973. Birthday wishes for the week of April 22 to 28 go out to Grace McEachern, Kaytelin Taylor, MacKenzie Newman, Ian Girard and Dale Webb. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

Come out to karaoke night with Gord Bartley April 28



Patti Fleury Around the Town

705-488-2938 brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Switching on Canoe FM for the usual pleasant early Sunday morning music and stories, I was startled by the weather report predicting a Monday snowfall for the Haliburton area of five to 10 cm. At first hopeful that the announcer had brought the April 1 info sheet into the studio as a belated prank, repeated bulletins only confirmed her original forecast. Now Tuesday morning and there is snow so dramatic that the camera came out to record it. The porch furniture is buried under the white stuff and rests up against the far railing courtesy of high wind gusts. Its companion umbrella, however, remains safely put away indoors after last season naturally where no one can find it. Getting yesterday's early afternoon start on the column freed up the usual evening computer time so that we both could watch granddaughter Emma in a supporting role on an episode of the Canadian television series Good God. It seems that so many of the characters she has auditioned for are not "bring home to meet the family" material but at least this part features a young lady who, albeit while under the influence, is still alive at show's end. We are very proud of Emma's tenacity in following her dream. It is not an easy road. The Bravery Bears will be coming out of hibernation to get ready for a busy season at the Minden hospital emergency department. When given out by the dedicated staff these soft toys can provide comfort and reduce anxiety. There will be a drop-in at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, lower level of the community centre, Friday, April 27 from 10 a.m. until noon to work not only on the bears but also baby items for the Guatemalan mountain village of Mano con Mano. Good neighbour Dorothy Heath recently returned from assisting there through her church and identified handcrafted items that would be of benefit to newborns. For more details call me at 705-488-2938. At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount it's back by popular demand. Saturday, April 28 come out to "Karaoke Night" with Gord Bartley starting at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission charge for this fun filled evening. Keep the spirit of Earth Day alive right here by joining with the girls of the 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders hosts of the annual "Town Pitch In Day" on Saturday, May 5. Meet at the railway station

at 9 a.m. to choose your route and receive a supply of gloves and garbage bags then head back after the clean up at 10:30 a.m. for refreshments. The unit meets every Monday evening at the Community Centre from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and a wide variety of experiences are provided by the dedicated leaders. For more details give Lynne Kilby a call at 705-488-2919. There will be a bereavement group beginning a new four-week series on Monday, April 30, meeting in the basement of Minden United Church. The leaders Donna Monk and Nancy Ballantyne would be pleased to provide more information and can be reached at 705-286-1237 (Donna) or 705-286-1305 (Nancy). Having been involved in Palliative Care for several years I have learned first hand the value of group support during such difficult times. All are welcome to attend a workshop conducted by The Biblical Storytellers Guild on Saturday, May 5 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden from 1 to 4 p.m. Learn how to tell, explore and share biblical stories in a new and different way. There is no charge and child care will be provided. For more information call 705-286-1817. Congratulations to Walsten Marine located on County Road 121 south of Kinmount celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing excellent customer service. Another



In 2012 The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 will celebrate it's 25th Anniversary.

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asking them to produce a report or poem describing how the Legion impacts our local community.

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is end of May and there will be a presentation on

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St. Peter's ACHS College School come home as Southern Ontario ball hockey champions

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St. Peter's ACHS College School students came home jubilant and glowing this past week after winning the S.S.A.F. Ball Hockey Championship in Toronto for the 2011-2012 academic school year. St. Peter's ACHS College School is a member of the Small School Athletic Federation which encompasses fifty three other schools in Southern Ontario. This year's end of the year ball hockey tournament

was held at the Rinx Arena Complex in Toronto. St. Peter's ACHS had to battle eleven other school teams to win the title. This is now the fourth year in a row that the school has won the championship. Stellar goal tending by Grade 5 Haedicke helped bring St. Peter's ACHS into the finals where they beat Crestwood Private School by a score of 3-1. It was an amazing feat of teams work as all of the St. Peter's ACHS players scored and racked up a total of twenty five goals over 5 games. Coach and headmaster Peter Thyrring has nothing but praise for his new team. "I am extremely proud of our players. When the pressure was on the team really came through." The team's success with both ball and ice hockey this year has been overwhelming. Next on the agenda for the school's out of town events are track and field at York University and chess in Aurora.

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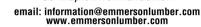
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Grannies host film night fundraiser

Canada's Stephen Lewis Foundation encourages community-based organizations such as the Haliburton Grannies Group to help to "turn the tide" of HIV/AIDS for children and families in Africa. Currently there are thousands of African grandmothers who are raising their orphaned grandchildren after watching their own children die of AIDS. Over the past five years, our local Grannies have raised over \$42,000 through fundraising events and craft sales. Our upcoming fundraising event, African Film Night, will be celebrating this milestone as well as our group's 5 anniversary and will be held on Friday, April 27, at the Minden United Church. It will feature a documentary film, called A Small Act.

A young Kenyan's life changes drastically when his education is sponsored by a Swedish stranger. Years later, he founds his own scholarship program to replicate the kindness he once received. Director Jennifer Arnold's documentary film about the plight of kids struggling to get an education in Kenya, debuted at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival where it made a tremendous impression with audiences. After the second screening, a woman stood up in the audience and offered a \$5,000 donation to help the kids. She challenged the audience to give, too, and her \$5,000 was quickly matched by another cheque for \$5,000. Midway through the festival, the amount raised and pledged had grown to \$80,000. According to the documentary, it can cost less than \$10 a week to send a student to secondary school in Kenya. The film, and the reaction it has caused, demonstrates how even "a small act" can play a big difference in the lives of others.

This screening is a fundraiser for ... The Stephen Lewis Foundation via the Haliburton Highlands Grannies.

Rounding out this event will be some wonderful local entertainment, featuring the Outloud Womyn's Chorus, Heritage Ballet Dancers and the Abbey North Drummers, as well as a very unique silent auction with wonderful African items donated by our globe-trotting Grannies. Refreshments with an African flair, all made by our own Granny members, will be available during the silent auction bidding and entertainment. We will also have some very special guests from the area with a special connection to the film as well as representatives from the Stephen Lewis Foundation. To provide context to those who aren't familiar with our group we'll show a short introductory film with Ilana Landsberg-Lewis (Stephen's daughter) explaining the Grannies organization and the wonderful grass-roots initiatives currently taking place in Africa, funded by the SLF. All proceeds from our events and sales go directly to the SLF, a well organized, streamlined non-profit organization with very little overhead.

We also have several signature events in the county which local residents have come to know and enjoy. The next one of these on Sunday, June 3 is our Granny Tea, held at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon from 2 to 4 p.m. It's a great event and features a loonie auction and wonderful goodies made by our own Grannies. Get your tickets early for this

another fabulous fundraiser called Harvest Harmonies at Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast on the first Sunday of Studio Tour, which this year is on Sept. 30. Jessie and Don Pflug generously open their beautiful home to us and we have talented artists entertaining us inside and out as well as the Granny "Store" where we sell our crafts and other items. This annual event held among the beautiful fall colours has proved to be very popular. As a short history, the Haliburton Highlands Grannies (our local group which is part of Stephen Lewis's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign) was founded in October of 2006, when Mickey Bonham and Sue Reid invited a few of their friends to Sue's home after watching the televised events of the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. They saw 200 Canadian grandmothers (early members of the campaign) along with over 100 African grandmothers and witnessed their strength and resolve. These six founding members (Mickey Bonham, Sue Reid, Cath McLean, Sandi Valentine, Jessie Pflug, and Donna Colby) told their friends about the plight of the African grandmothers and the incredible need in sub-Saharan Africa (as grandmothers ourselves, we could all relate) and the Minden/Haliburton Grannies group was born. In just five short years, we managed to grow our membership to over 50 members and achieved a financial milestone we never dreamed was possible.

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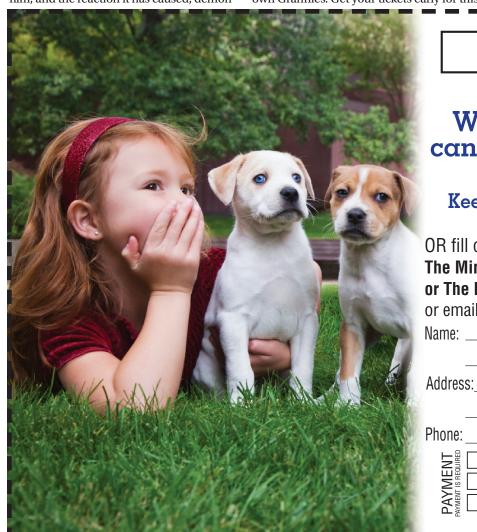
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ing to turn the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Since 2003, they have funded more than 300 projects in 15 countries. These grassroots groups are the lifeline of their communities: they provide counselling and education about HIV and AIDS including care, prevention and treatment; distribute food, medication and other necessities; reach the sick and vulnerable through home-based health care; help orphans and vulnerable children access education and work through their grief; and support grandmothers caring for their orphaned grandchildren. These African grandmothers are central to the life of their communities. With almost no support, they have stepped forward to care for millions of children orphaned by AIDS, sometimes as many as ten to fifteen in one household. They display astonishing reserves of love, courage and emotional resilience, even while grieving the loss of their own adult children. Canada's grandmothers groups have grown to 240 across our nation and all share in the promise made at the 2006 gathering: "We will not rest until they can rest."

We hope you'll all come out and join us for some singing, dancing and drumming at the Minden United Church on Friday, April 27 at 6 p.m. for African Film Night, our special celebration in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Tickets are available at Minden Pharmasave and also by calling Peggy Cassils in Minden at 705-286-3226 or Lois Glende in Haliburton at 705-455-9197. Ticket prices are \$8/person in advance and \$10/person at the door. Hope to see you there.

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CLARK, Adam David - Passed away suddenly in Kingston on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the age of 24. Beloved son of Robert (Mary-Lou), and Jean (Pauline). Loving grandson of Lois Adamson and Sydney (deceased) and Audrey Clark (Bob), and Scott Clark (deceased). Dear brother of Adrienne (Kristian), step brother to Crystal, Jennifer (Jimmy), and Jeff, uncle to Adria, Kalli, Hannah and Chloe. Adam will be fondly remembered by his aunts and uncles; (Brenda), Frank (Judy), Brian (deceased), Lloyd (Cindy), Ron (Lynn), Kim (Glenn), his many cousins, family, friends and sadly missed by his closest friends John, Jeremy, and Mandy. Friends are invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., P.O. Box 427, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Ontario Brain Injury Association would be appreciated by

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McMurter. Priscilla Julia Beatrice (Pat) on Friday, April 20, 2012 at Peterborough Hospital in her 82 vear.

Predeceased by her husband Clifford, and her parents Walter & Mildred Schade. Survived by sisters Isabel, Deloris, Ruth, and Leah. Sadly missed by her children Judy, Bob (Diane), and Shirley (Carl) Loving grandmother to Kelly, Jamie (Angie), Carrie (Brian), Cheryl (Steve), Jodi. Great grandmother to Christina, Chantel, Chloe, Destiny, Cassidy, Brittney, Tyler & Matthew.

Private Family arrangements.

In Priscilla's memory and if desired, donations may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch of your Choice

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REID, Frederick Allen - 1941-2012 Peacefully at home in Minden, Ontario after a long and brave battle with cancer. Beloved husband and best friend of Sue (nee Brennand). Loving dad of Wendy (George Jackson) and Heather (Don Stewart). Grampa of Rebecca (Stephen Solka), Griffin, Reid and Lilian. Fred graduated from Ashbury College in 1959. He received his Bachelor of Commerce Degree from Carlton University in 1963. Fred was admitted membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario in 1966. Fred's family would like to thank Dr. Scott Coles, Minna, and the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team for their ongoing support and care. Amanda Rowden, our home care nurse, went above and beyond. Thank you so much for helping our family through this last year. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Fred's life will be held at a later date. For those who wish, donations in Fred's memory to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated - or better still, play a round of golf and think of Fred. Donations can be arranged through the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com











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- Great location; steps to Kashagawigamog
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- 2000 s.f., 3 baths, 2 car insulated garage Sled shed, workshop with 220. Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



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Classic Cottage with large stone fireplace

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Kashagawigamog Lake 209,000

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